

GONORRHEA

Gonorrhea is a very common sexually transmitted infection (STI). It grows in moist areas of the body, such as the mouth, throat, anus, urine canal (urethra) or a woman's reproductive organs. Gonorrhea can be easily prevented if you know the facts.

FAST FACTS

- 650,000 new cases every year
- Number of cases have been rising every year since 1997
- 75% of all cases occur in people between the ages of 15 and 29

PUTTING YOURSELF AT RISK

Vaginal, oral or anal sex with an infected person puts you at risk. Touching a body part with gonorrhea can spread it to other areas, like your eyes.

LOOKING FOR SIGNS/SYMPTOMS

Not everyone shows signs of gonorrhea. Getting tested and treated early is the way to go.

Genital Infection: Yellow discharge from penis or vagina; burning sensation during urination.

Rectal Infection: Discharge from anus; itching; soreness; bleeding; painful bowel movements.


Throat Infection: Throat infections almost never show symptoms.

AVOID INFECTION

GET TESTED!



HOW GONORRHEA AFFECTS YOUR HEALTH



Gonorrhea damages the reproductive system of men and women. An infected man may not be able to pass sperm. An infected woman will not be able to get pregnant. Both men and women are at higher risk for getting HIV/AIDS.

TREATING GONORRHEA

A doctor can cure gonorrhea with antibiotics. But gonorrhea can cause permanent damage if it is not treated early.

WAY TO GO

- Avoid all sexual contact
- Have sex with only one, uninfected partner who only has sex with you
- Use a condom during all types of sexual contact—vaginal, oral or anal
- Get tested once a year by your doctor or at a clinic

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